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Letter dated 30 December 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am transmitting herewith a letter dated 9 December 2010 from the Chairman of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by the Security Council in its resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Philippines adopted on 9 November 2010 (S/AC.51/2010/5) (see annex).

(*Signed*) Susan E. **Rice**
President of the Security Council

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Annex to the letter dated 30 December 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

On 29 April 2010, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by the Security Council in its resolution 1612 (2005) examined the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Philippines (S/2010/36). At its 27th meeting, on 9 November 2010, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Philippines (S/AC.51/2010/5).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, which were approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), I am entrusted, in my capacity as the Chairman of the Working Group, to welcome the signing of an action plan between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the United Nations. In this regard, I commend the efforts made by the United Nations Children's Fund, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the United Nations Resident Coordinator.

The Working Group requests you to enhance the capacity and ability of the monitoring and reporting task force to monitor and report on violations and abuses committed against children, including through the rectification and establishment of clear priorities to monitor and report violations and abuses committed by all parties to conflict against children. The Working Group also kindly requests you to continue to explore strategies to establish monitoring mechanisms in restricted areas, such as in south-western Mindanao.

The Working Group encourages the country task force to explore partnerships with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process to further develop activities to halt and respond to all violations against children, including the preparation of action plans as appropriate.

(*Signed*) Claude **Heller**
Chairman of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict